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Letter dated 6 July 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have been informed by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Honduras, Mr. Jorge Arturo Reina Idiaquez, that he has received notice that he has been dismissed from his post by the regime that usurped power in Honduras during the coup d'état of last 28 June against the legitimate President of Honduras, Mr. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, and the legally constituted authorities of this Central American nation.

As you know, from the very moment the coup d'état occurred, the Non-Aligned Movement, over whose Coordinating Bureau I have the honour to preside, took an uncompromising position condemning the coup and supporting the legitimate authorities of Honduras, whose reinstatement it has repeatedly demanded. This was clear in the communiqué issued by the Coordinating Bureau on that very day of 28 June, in the statement I made on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement at the resumed sixty-third session of the General Assembly on 29 June and, now, in a communiqué just issued by the Non-Aligned Movement in reaction to the barbaric events that occurred yesterday, 5 July, at and in the vicinity of the international airport of Tegucigalpa.

This position of the Non-Aligned Movement is in full keeping with the letter and spirit of General Assembly resolution 63/301 of 30 June 2009, in which, *inter alia*, the Assembly firmly and unequivocally called upon States to recognize no Government other than that of the Constitutional President José Manuel Zelaya Rosales.

I am transmitting to you herewith, for your information and for issuance as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 20 of the sixty-third session, entitled "The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development", that latest communiqué dated 6 July 2009. In so doing, I reaffirm that the Non-Aligned Movement does not recognize the authority of the coup leaders nor does it accept any of its appointments or dismissals. As far as the Non-Aligned Movement is concerned, the sole legitimate



authorities of the Republic of Honduras, one of its member countries, are President José Manuel Zelaya Rosales and the officials appointed by him.

(Signed) Abelardo **Moreno**
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of the Non-Aligned Movement

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Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement

Statement of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the situation in Honduras

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement strongly condemns the use of brutal force by the Honduran army, on orders by the de facto Government in that country, against unarmed civilian population peacefully demonstrating in support of the return of the constitutional President Manuel Zelaya Rosales. As a result of opening fire with tear gas and live bullets on demonstrators who gathered yesterday in anticipation of the return of the President, innocent people were killed and injured.

The Coordinating Bureau also strongly condemns that the de facto government in Honduras impeded the landing in Tegucigalpa yesterday, 5 July, of the plane transporting President Zelaya back to the country, accompanied by the President of the United Nations General Assembly and other officials.

The Non-Aligned Movement is deeply concerned about the worsening of the current crisis in the Republic of Honduras resulting from the coup d'état against the constitutional government of President Zelaya.

The regime that emerged from the coup d'état has refused to comply with the provisions of resolution 63/301 of the United Nations General Assembly and has ignored so far all international and regional diplomatic efforts and initiatives aimed at the restoration of democracy and the rule of law in the Republic of Honduras.

The Coordinating Bureau, while categorically rejecting the violent actions against the people and the legitimate Government of the Republic of Honduras, stresses that the Non-Aligned Movement will only allow the participation in its meetings, at any level, of the representatives of the legitimate constitutional Government of the Republic of Honduras.

The Coordinating Bureau calls upon all countries and international and regional organizations, to review, as appropriate, their relations with the Republic of Honduras in accordance with the provisions of resolution 63/301 and to avoid any action that could imply recognition of the regime that emerged from the interruption of the constitutional order in that country.

The Coordinating Bureau reaffirms its full support to and solidarity with the people and constitutional Government of the Republic of Honduras and reiterates the call for the immediate and unconditional reinstatement of the legitimate representative of the Honduras people, President José Manuel Zelaya Rosales.

New York, 6 July 2009